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Uniting Our Nations - Literacy Test Preparation

The Uniting Our Nations - Literacy Test Preparation is a resource for teachers providing English lessons that use Indigenous materials to increase literacy skills which support the requirements of the Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test (OSSLT).



OBJECTIVES

- Encourage discussion around culture and issues affecting Indigenous youth
- Expose youth to a range of literature sources written by Indigenous authors and journalists
- Increase critical literacy skills while analyzing systemic issues affecting Indigenous youth
- Encourage exploration of healthy coping strategies, resiliency, and healthy relationships

OVERVIEW

- Organized in three sections:
 - Non-fiction articles focusing on literacy,
 - Small group novel activities, and
 - Short stories
- Identifies a larger issue being discussed (eg. bullying, identity, conflict) and includes introductions and materials for pre-activities, teaching strategies, and extension ideas
- Includes rubrics for assessment and evaluation

Promotes literacy

Raises personal awareness

Exposes systemic injustices

Celebrates resiliency and strength

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